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SUBJ: GUATEMALAN EARTHQUAKE- ENGINEER UNIT FOR GUATEMALA

FOL MSG SENT THIS DATE TO APPROPRIATE MILITARY ADDRESSES THRU MILITARY CHANNELS. THIS MESSAGE HAS MY FULL ENDORSEMENT AND CONCURRENCE. I FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT THE ATLANTIC HIGHWAY PROJECT MUST BE KEPT UNDER CONTROL FROM THE OUTSET.

QUOTE: PARA2, REFERENCE A (CDR FORSCOM 221616Z FEB 76) LISTS EQUIPMENT FOR SEALIFT TO GUATEMALA FOR ENGINEER PROJECT ON ATLANTIC ROAD. IN THE OPINION OF USMILGP AND AID HERE, WHO HAVE ENGINEER CONSULTANTS, THE PLAN IS EXCESSIVE TO REQUIREMENTS, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE TYPE VEHICLES.

QUOTE: THE ENGR TASK FORCE WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO BE COMPLETELY SELF-SUFFICIENT. FORWARD ELEMENTS OF THE 193D BDE FROM CZ WILL SUPPORT LOGISTICALLY AND ADMINISTRATIVELY AND CONTRACT SERVICES WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE.

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QUOTE: CERTAIN ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT FROM REDEPLOYING

EMERGENCY DISASTER RELIEF UNITS WERE RETAINED IN GUATEMALA FOR TURNOVER TO THE TASK FORCE WITH THE END OF SAVING TRANSPORTATION COSTS. SOME OF THESE ITEMS WHICH WERE PROVIDED BY REF B (COMUSMILGP GUATE 210115Z FEB 76) ARE DUPLICATED ON THE LOADING LIST.

QUOTE: ANOTHER FACTOR TO BE CONSIDERED IS THE UNEXPECTEDLY RAPID RESPONSE ON THE PART OF THE GOG TO EMERGENCY ROADOPENING WORK. THE 45 DAY REQUIREMENT FOR THE TASK FORCE REMAINS FULLY VALID; BUT SOME LOCAL SLIDE REMOVING WORK IS UNDERWAY AND WILL CONTINUE.

QUOTE: WHILE FULLY RESPECTING THE PREROGATIVE OF THE COMMANDERS INVOLVED TO TAILOR FOR THE MISSION; RECOMMEND THE FOL MODIFICATIONS BE EVALUATED TO SAVE ON PROJECT

COSTS:

DELETIONS:

ITEM	QUANTITY
12 1/2 TON CRANE	2 EA.
TRAILER; DEWALT SAW	1 EA.
DEERE, BACKHOE	2 EA.
FORKLIFT	1 EA.
ERDALATOR	3 EA. (BRING 1 ABN TRAILER)
2 1/2 TON TRUCK CARGO	15 EA.
1 1/2 TON TRAILER	12 EA.
AMBULANCE, M 725	2 EA.
TRUCK W/EARTHBORNE	1 EA.
MIXER CONC 16S	1 EA.
TRUCK, 1/4 TON TRK	4 EA.
TRUCK, 5/4 TON	10 EA.

QUOTE: NOTE: BUCKET LOADERS ARE CRITICAL ITEMS. SINCE THE UNIT HAS SUBSTITUTED DUMP TRUCKS FOR SCRAPERS WHICH ARE SELFLOADING, RECOMMEND AS MANY 5 CY AND 2 1/2 CY BUCKET LOADERS AS POSSIBLE UP TO A TOTAL OF 6 TO BE ADDED TO THE LIST. RECOMMEND NUMBER OF TRACTOR/TRAILER UNITS BE REDUCED TO REFLECT APPROX 50 PERCENT MOBILITY OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT. SHUTTLE MOVEMENTS FOR ENTIRE MISSION ARE CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE.

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QUOTE: U.S. MISSION HOPEFUL THAT SUGGESTED REDUCTIONS IN EQUIPMENT/ VEHICLE LIST WILL ALSO RESULT IN MAINTAINING SEALIFT WITHIN ORIGINAL THREE VESSEL PLAN. PLEASE ADVISE IMMEDIATELY IF FOURTH VESSEL CONTEMPLATED.

QUOTEC AMBASSADOR CONCURS. END QUOTE.
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